BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3768

BOBBY HOANG QUANG LE

1569 Park Vista Way West Covina, CA 91791

Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 48785 Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on March 28, 2011.

It is so ORDERED on February 25, 2011.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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16	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH		
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18	Respondent.		
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21	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-		
22	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
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24	<u>PARTIES</u>		
25	1. Virginia K. Herold ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the California State		
26	Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). Complainant brought this action solely in her official capacity and		
27	is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California,		
28	by Langston M. Edwards, Deputy Attorney General.		
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- 2. Respondent Bobby Le aka Bobby Hoang Quang Le (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.
- 3. On or about June 30, 2003, the California State Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 48785 to Bobby Le aka Bobby Hoang Quang Le (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3768 and will expire on December 31, 2010, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3768 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on August 27, 2010. A copy of Accusation No. 3768 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3768. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3768.
- 9. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacy Technician Registration is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

- 10. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 11. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 48785 to Bobby Hoang Quang Le ("Respondent") is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for two (2) years on the following terms and conditions.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other

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applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. Certification Prior to Resuming Work

Respondent shall be automatically suspended from working as a pharmacy technician until he or she is certified as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(4) and provides satisfactory proof of certification to the Board. Respondent shall not resume working as a pharmacy technician until notified by the Board. Failure to achieve certification within one (1) year shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent shall not resume working as a pharmacy technician until notified by the Board.

During suspension, Respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of any other Board licensed premises (wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs) any drug manufacturer, or any other location where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding or dispensing; nor shall Respondent manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the Board. Respondent shall not have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume work until notified by the Board.

Subject to the above restrictions, Respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in any licensed premises by the Board in which he or she holds an interest at the time this decision becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order. Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

2. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations. Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the Pharmacy
 Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime

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discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency which involves Respondent's license(s) or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report any such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

3. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, Respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.

4. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the Board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to Board staff, or failure to appear at two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the Board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's inspection program and with the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of his or her probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of this Decision and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

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Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment, Respondent shall cause his or her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read this Decision and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his or her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the Board.

If Respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent must notify his or her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge and owner at every pharmacy of the terms and conditions of this Decision in advance of the Respondent commencing work at each pharmacy. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent shall cause his or her direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that he or she has read this Decision and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his or her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgements to the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary or relief service or pharmacy management service as a pharmacy technician or in any position for which a pharmacy technician license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the Respondent is considered an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

7. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution pursuant to Business and Professions Code

section 125.3 in an amount of \$2,487.00. Respondent shall make said payments in a payment plan approved by the Board. There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his or her responsibility to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

8. **Probation Monitoring Costs**

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

9. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current pharmacy technician license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled.

Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent's pharmacy technician license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

10. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent cease work due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may tender his or her pharmacy technician license to the Board for surrender. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent's license history with the Board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish his or her pharmacy technician license to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license, permit, or registration from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board.

11. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address and mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the Board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

12. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacy technician in California for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease working as a pharmacy technician for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of cessation of work and must further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of the work. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of work" means calendar month during which Respondent is not working for at least 40 hours as a pharmacy technician, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 4115. "Resumption of work" means any calendar month during which Respondent is working as a pharmacy technician for at least 40 hours as a pharmacy technician as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4115.

13. Violation of Probation

If a Respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction, and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

14. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the Board indicating successful completion of probation, Respondent's pharmacy technician license will be fully restored.

15. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the Board. Respondent shall sell

or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the Board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the Board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

Respondent shall not acquire any new ownership, legal or beneficial interest nor serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any additional business, firm, partnership, or corporation licensed by the Board. If Respondent currently owns or has any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the Board, Respondent may continue to serve in such capacity or hold that interest, but only to the extent of that position or interest as of the effective of this decision. Violation of this restriction shall be considered a violation of probation.

16. Community Services Program

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, a community service program in which Respondent shall provide free health-care related services to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least 125 hours to be completed prior to the completion of Respondent's two (2) years of probation.

Within thirty (30) days of board approval thereof, Respondent shall submit documentation to the board demonstrating commencement of the community service program. Respondent shall report on progress with the community service program in the quarterly reports. Failure to timely submit, commence, or comply with the program shall be considered a violation of probation.

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ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the 2 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. 1 enter into this 3 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree 4 to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board. 5 6 7 AKA BOBBY HOANG QUANG LE 8 Respondent 9 10 **ENDORSEMENT** 11 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully 12 submitted for consideration by the Board 13 Respectfully Submitted, 14 EDMUND G. BROWN JR. 15 Attorney General of California 16 Ising Doputy Attorney General 17 18 puty Attorney General 19 Attorneys for Complainant 20 21 LA2010503275 22 60568077.docx 23 24 25

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Exhibit A

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3351 Stevens Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770 A C C U S A T I O N		
Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 48785		
Respondent.		
Complainant alleges:		
PARTIES		
1. Virginia K. Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official		
capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board").		
2. On or about June 30, 2003, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration		
Number TCH 48785 to Bobby Le aka Bobby Hoang Quang Le ("Respondent"). The Pharmacy		
Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought		
herein and will expire on December 31, 2010, unless renewed.		

JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- Section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the suspension/expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- Section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
 - Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct ... Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not."

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REGULATORY PROVISIONS

7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770 states, in pertinent part:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

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 COST RECOVERY

8. Section 125.3 states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct Involving Sale of Drug Paraphernalia)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (f) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent engaged in acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption as follows:
- a. On or around February 22, 2007, Respondent was investigated based on a complaint that Respondent was selling glass pipes, consistent in appearance with methamphetamine and crack cocaine pipes. An undercover officer from the Alhambra Police Department entered Respondent's store and purchased one of hundreds of glass pipes situated on the shelves and in other parts of the store. The officer also requested and was able to purchase from Respondent, a single loose cigarette from a pack of Marlboro's stored under the cash register. The officer also discovered 70 illegal/dangerous weapons for sale including cattle prod tasers, throwing knives, butterfly knives, brass knuckles, etc. When confronted, the Respondent admitted that selling loose cigarettes was against the law and admitted that his business license permit only allowed him to sale tobacco and tobacco products.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct Involving Sale of Dangerous Weapons)

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (f) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent engaged in acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 9, subparagraph (a), inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct Involving Sale of Single Cigarettes)

11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (f) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent engaged in acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 9, subparagraph (a), inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 48785, issued to Bobby Le aka Bobby Hoang Quang Le
- 2. Ordering Bobby Le to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 8 3 10

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Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy State of California Complainant

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